

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Appl. No. : 10/708,609 Confirmation No. 2608  
Applicant : Ashby Sr., Rusty Stewart  
Filed : March 15, 2004  
TC/A.U. : 3654  
Examiner : Okezie, Esther O.  
Docket No. : 018300-001681  
Customer No. : 24,239  
For : Lifting Apparatus

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
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**AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.111**

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated September 11, 2006, please amend the above-identified application as follows. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to debit any extra amount owed or to credit any extra amount paid to deposit account no. 13-4365.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims that begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 17 of this paper.